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Hi Jim

I received your request for information to satisfy Deane Osterman's query about communications between ourselves and the Army Corps of Engineers regarding the Pend Oreille TMDL, and the Corps' model of the river in Idaho, to clarify points brought up by Dan Opalski in his conversation with Deane.

This communication pathway is very convoluted, which concerns me. Below are my responses to the questions in your phone message, but I believe it would be best to encourage Deane to speak directly to Dan.

I am not aware of any communication between EPA and the Corps regarding the Pend Oreille TMDLs other than that which occurred during the development of Washington's TMDL (3+ years ago).

The Army Corps developed a revised model of the Idaho portion of the Pend Oreille River that was completed in 2010. The Corps requested that this model's results be used in the Washington TMDL. Ecology replied [in the TMDL response to comments] that the model was not completed in time to be used.

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